

- (v) Inter-action with power station authorities, BHEL and concerned agencies for sorting out O&M problems.
- (vi) Incentive scheme of the Ministry of Power for productivity Award to the public sector stations is being continued to motivate O&M personnel.
- (vii) Introduction of energy audit on selected thermal power stations.

Resources to boost hydel projects

4335. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Power Ministry is considering a consumption cess of 5 paise per kwt. to mobilize resources for the development of the hydel sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof including how the cess is proposed to be realized;

(c) whether the cess would be passed on to the States which raise the resources to boost hydel project; and

(d) the other fund mobilization programme for raising hydel capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) The Policy on Hydro Power Development announced by the Government of India in August, 1998 provides for the establishment of National Power Development Fund through levy of cess at 10 paise per Kwh of electricity consumed in the country. A proposal to levy cess at 5 paise per Kwh of electricity generated, the proceeds of which was proposed to be shared between the States and the Central Governments, was subsequently put up for consideration of the Government but was deferred. However, on a petition filed by NHPC for levy of a surcharge of 10 paise/unit of energy available at bus bar on the electricity generated from its generating stations, CERC has allowed NHPC to levy development surcharge at the rate of 5% of the billing

amount to be used for development of hydro power in the region. The annual plan outlay for hydro generating has been significantly raised from Rs. 3219.99 crores for the year 2000-2001 to Rs. 4243.68 crores for the year 2001-2002 under Central Sector.

Target for power generation

4336. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for power generation for the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to increase the rate of annual power generation in the ensuing years to achieve the set target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The proposed target for electricity generation for the current year i.e. 2001-02 is 530 Billion Units as per details given below:

Category	Generation Target (Billion Units)
Thermal	430.284
Nuclear	16.916
Hydro	82.800
All India	530.000

(c) The following steps are being taken to improve power generation in the country:—

(i) Expeditious implementation of capacity addition programme and doubling the capacity by 2012.

(ii) Renovation and modernisation (R&M) and life extension of existing old and inefficient generating units.

(iii) Disbursement of loans by Power Finance Corporation for improving operation and maintenance of thermal power station under the accelerated generation programmes.